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Excise Officers Arrest 16 in Muncie

MUNCIE, Ind. (Nov. 12) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 16 people on 25 charges while patrolling near Ball State University Friday night.

Excise officers arrested 13 people for illegal possession or transportation of alcohol and issued several traffic citations.

One man was arrested on five charges after he tried to run from police.

Cody A. Fellers, 20, of Lewisville, Ind., was jailed on preliminary charges of illegal possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, possession of false ID, resisting law enforcement by fleeing and resisting law enforcement by force.

Fellers was also wanted by Monroe County officials for failure to appear on a charge of illegal possession of alcohol stemming from a summons issued by another excise officer at a Bloomington bar in April. He will face charges in Delaware County before being taken to Monroe County on the arrest warrant.

Two adults were also arrested Friday night for furnishing alcohol to minors.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.